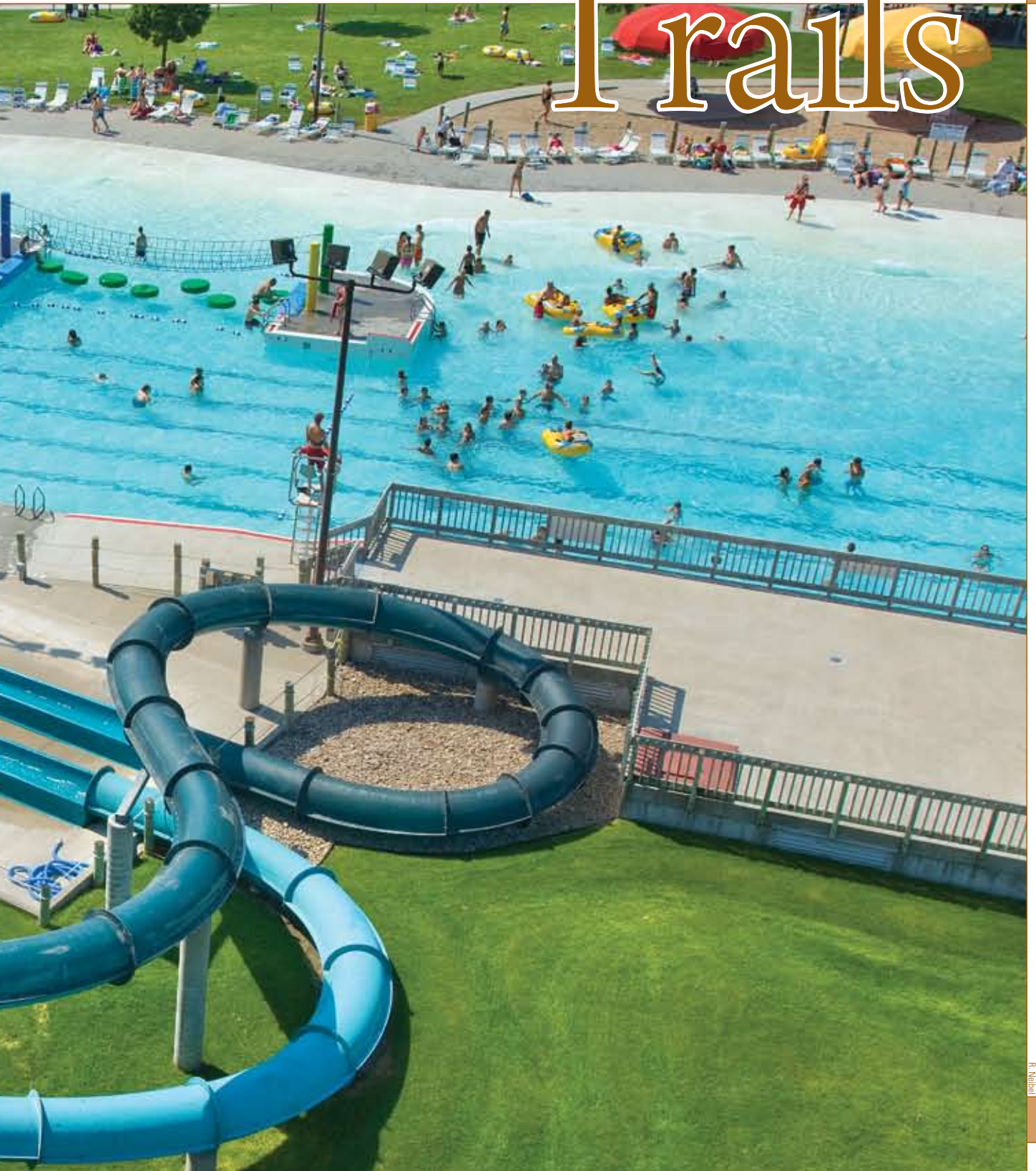


[ISLAND OASIS WATER PARK] A sight for sore eyes and definitely not a mirage, Island Oasis Water Park in Grand Island is a welcome retreat from the summer heat. Two six-story, high-speed waterslides, four giant 150-foot waterslides, and a wave pool are sure to satisfy even the most adventurous thrill seekers.



Frontier Trails





A FIVE-ALARM STOP

The recently opened Nebraska Firefighters Museum & Education Center in Kearney is one destination that will get the entire family fired up. The kids will have fun with interactive exhibits and an engaging scavenger hunt, while the adults will be awestruck by thousands of square feet of firefighting equipment, some of which dates back to 1888. This new Nebraska attraction won't easily be extinguished from your memory.

Stuhrring up history

Take a step back in time at the Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer in Grand Island. This world-class attraction boasts 60 buildings on 35 acres with more than 150,000 artifacts to enrich the living history experience. And that's just for starters. The museum—accredited by the American Association of Museums—keeps things fresh year after year with new events, exhibits, and activities.



Migration Station

Some of the world's most frequent fliers have been making an annual trip to the Platte River Valley for more than nine million years. More than half a million sandhill cranes lay over in central Nebraska each spring to prepare for the next leg of their migration.

This phenomenon of flight attracts droves of bird enthusiasts, all clamoring to see the spectacle firsthand. The Nebraska Nature & Visitor Center near Grand Island and Rowe Sanctuary near Gibbon are your best bets for guided tours and viewing blinds that get you close to the action.



Courtesy of Rick Rasmussen



R. Weibel

VACATION,
over easy

When your travel plans take you off the beaten path, there's no better place to stay than a bed and breakfast. You can savor homemade meals and experience Nebraska's famous Midwestern hospitality.

AnnaBelle's B&B in Alma has four charming bedrooms to make your stay unique and relaxing. After you wake up, fill up on a hearty breakfast because adventure is just a few miles down the road at Harlan County Lake.

Satisfying guests for more than 13 years, the Cambridge B&B was originally built by a pioneer merchant in 1907. Neoclassical architecture meets contemporary accommodation in this grand three-story mansion. Set out and explore the town's stores, restaurants, and golf course—all within walking distance of this peaceful retreat.

ALMA

308-928-2432 • www.ci.alma.ne.us



Accommodations

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308-962-7777 • www.arapahoe-ne.com

Attractions

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine 912 Chestnut St, 5 blks W. of US Hwy 283 on US Hwys 6 & 34 – The shrine was built by a Polish chaplain as a result of a vow made during WWII. It is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who appeared to children tending sheep in Fatima, Portugal. Free. 308-962-7777 www.arapahoe-ne.com &



Outfitters

Hunt Nebraska Inc. 409 Chestnut – We offer complete corporate or individual hunt packages. Bring your own dog or use our trained hunting dogs. Oct 1-Mar 31. Game farm access. Hunting guide service. Waterfowl hunting. Upland game hunting. Big game hunting. 308-962-8469 or 800-486-8632 www.huntnebraskainc.com



Accommodations

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308-743-2353 • www.axtellne.com

Attractions

Nature's Mosaic 1044 23 Rd – An outdoor wildlife habitat and education center that includes a 65-acre wetland restoration area. Enjoy fishing at Lake Siloam, relax in the picnic area or exercise along the hike/bike trails. Open year-round. Free. 308-743-2401 &

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Attractions

Crystal Lake State Recreation Area 1½ mi. N.W. – Boating and fishing areas. Electric motor or nonpowered boating. Camping fee. Park permit required. 308-385-6211 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov



Accommodations

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Robert Henri Museum 100th Meridian Museum

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www.cozadnebraska.net



Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Robert Henri Museum in Cozad was designed by Henri's father to be both a home for the family and a hotel to accommodate weary settlers. Nowadays, the museum holds a wealth of information about the artist as well as some of his original sketches.

BEAVER CITY

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Accommodations

BLUE HILL

402-756-3131



Accommodations

CAMBRIDGE

308-697-3711 • www.cambridgegene.org

Attractions

Cambridge Museum 612 Penn St, US Hwys 6 & 34 – Open Apr-Oct, Tue-Sun, 1-5pm; Nov-Mar, Sat-Sun, 1-5pm; or by appt. Donation. 308-697-4385 &
Faling Living History Tour Home 606 Parker St – Architectural masterpiece home on the National Register of Historic Places showcasing the ingenuity and cultural heritage of an early pioneer family. Also serves as a B&B and gallery. Mon-Fri, 2-4pm; or by appt. Admission. 308-697-3220 or 877-227-1215 www.cambridge-bb.com

Medicine Creek State Recreation Area 2 mi. W. on US Hwys 6 & 34, 8 mi. N. – A reservoir with more than 1,700 acres of water and nearly 7,000 land acres provides fun for water enthusiasts and campers. Park permit required. Camping fee. 308-697-4667 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &



Outfitters

A Hunting Paradise 41536 Rd 718 – Best upland bird hunting in Nebraska. Wild bird shooting. White-tailed and mule deer, turkey and prairie dog hunts available. Nov-Jan. Hunting access. Shooting range access. Hunting guide service. Upland game hunting. Big game hunting. Bring own horse. Horse boarding. 308-493-5927 www.windmillfarmsinc.com



Accommodations

COZAD

308-784-3930 • www.cozadnebraska.net



Attractions

100th Meridian Museum 206 E. 8th St – The name was chosen to honor its location on the 100th Meridian in the center of North America. Displays and historical artifacts tell the stories of the area's early settlers. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Tue-Sat, 10am-5pm; or by appt. Closed holidays. 308-784-1100 or 308-784-3930 &

Gallagher Canyon State Recreation Area 8 mi. S., 2 mi. E., 1 mi. N., 1 mi. W. – Open year-round. Primitive camping. Park permit required. Camping fee. 308-785-2685 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

Robert Henri Museum and Historical Walkway 218 E. 8th St – Boyhood home of the famous artist Robert Henri. Exhibits include a Pony Express station, church, schoolhouse, Hendee Hotel and historical walkway. Open Memorial Day-Sep, Tue-Sat, 10am-5pm. Admission. 308-784-4154 or 308-784-3930 www.roberthenrimuseum.org &



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Big Mama's Eatery *Quesadillas*
Cambridge, 308-697-4808

Bella Italia *Veal Parmesan*
Cozad, 308-784-3100

ELM CREEK

308-856-4913

Attractions

Chevyland U.S.A. Auto Museum I-80 Exit 257, gravel road 1 mi. E. — See dozens of restored Chevys and a motorcycle collection. Memorial Day-Labor Day, 8am-5pm; or by appt. Admission. 308-856-4208 & **Nebraska Wild Horse and Burro Facility** 4 mi. N. on US Hwy 183 — The 40-acre facility houses up to 500 wild horses and burros available for adoption. Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm. Free. 308-856-4498 & **Sandy Channel State Recreation Area** I-80 Exit 257, 1½ mi. S. — Boating, fishing and camping areas. 308-865-5305 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

Accommodations

ELWOOD

308-785-2309 • www.elwoodnebraska.com

Attractions

Elwood Reservoir/Wildlife Management Area 3 mi. N. — A 1,200-acre lake. Open year-round for fishing and hunting. Primitive facilities. No camping; private camping nearby. 308-785-2599 or 308-785-2685 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

Accommodations

FARNAM

Attractions

Three Brothers Vineyard and Winery 812 Lincoln St — Tour the vineyards or relax on the patio with a glass of wine. Special events throughout the year. Open Thu-Sat, 1-8pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Closed Thu during winter months. Fee for tastings. 308-569-2501 www.3brothersvineyard.com

Rowe Sanctuary and Iain Nicolson Audubon Center, Gibbon



Legendary Pony Express riders had one of the most dangerous jobs around. Ideal riders were skinny young men—orphans preferred—who were willing to risk death daily. Relive this exciting part of history with a visit to Gothenburg's Pony Express Station.

FRANKLIN

308-425-3764 • www.franklinnebraska.com

Attractions

Franklin County Museum 1309 H Rd, Jct US Hwy 136 & NE Hwy 10 — Three buildings house more than 20,000 artifacts including regional and pioneer history, military memorabilia and genealogy library. Open Apr-Dec, Sat-Sun, 1-4pm; or by appt. Donation. 308-425-3030 www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nefrankl/museum/fcmuseum/index.htm

Accommodations

GIBBON

308-468-6555 • www.gibbonchamber.org

Attractions

Rowe Sanctuary and Iain Nicolson Audubon Center 44450 Elm Island Rd, S. at I-80 Exit 285, W. on Elm Island Rd — Wildlife sanctuary for sandhill and whooping cranes and other birds. Open year-round, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sun, 1-4pm. Open daily during crane season with extended hours. Reservations required for crane-viewing blinds in Mar. Indoor viewing and visitor education center. 308-468-5282 www.rowesanctuary.org & **Windmill State Recreation Area** I-80 Exit 285 — A display of 3 antique windmills with camping facilities near 6 small lakes. Modern restroom with showers available seasonally, electrical hookups available year-round. Park permit required. Camping fee. 308-468-5700 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Accommodations

GOTHENBURG

800-482-5520 • www.gothenburgdels.com

Attractions

Gothenburg Historical Museum 1420 Ave F — Step back in time and experience Gothenburg's history from the early 1900s when the town was destined to be the "little Chicago" of Nebraska. Open May-Sep, Wed-Sat, 10am-4pm; or by appt. Free. 308-537-4212 or 800-482-5520 www.gothenburgdels.com

Lake Helen Recreation Area 22nd & Lake Ave — Reservoir with exercise areas, playground, picnic areas and adjoining campground. A covered walking bridge connects the campground in Lafayette Park to Lake Helen. 308-537-3505 www.gothenburgdels.com **Pony Express Station** 1500 Lake Ave in Ehmen Park — An original station of the "lightning mail." Post mail with a Pony Express seal. Exhibits and a guided tour. Open Apr-Oct, daily. Apr & Oct, 9am-3pm; May & Sep, 9am-6pm; June-Aug, 8am-8pm. Free. 308-537-3505 www.gothenburgdels.com &

Sod House Museum 300 S. Lake Ave, N. of I-80 Exit 211 — A sod house, barn with photographs and memorabilia, and wooden windmill in an old farmstead setting. Life-size sculpture of a bison and American Indian on horseback made from barbed wire. Open May-Sep, daily, 9am-3pm. Admission. 308-537-2076 & **Swedish Crosses Cemetery** 2 mi. N. on NE Hwy 47, 2 mi. W. on Rd 769 — For more than a century, these unique crosses have been a symbol of Swedish heritage in Gothenburg. Free. 308-537-3505 www.gothenburgdels.com

Accommodations

Pony Express Capital of Nebraska



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Grand Island Tourist Information Caboose

I-80 Exit 312 (at Bosselman Travel Center)
Year-round, Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm
Mar-Oct, also open Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

Grand Island/Hall County CVB

2424 S. Locust St, 5 mi. N. of I-80 Exit 314
308-382-4400
Year-round, Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5pm

Attractions

The Chicken Coop 120 E. Third St – Located in the historic downtown area, this sports bar and grill features microbrews from Thunderhead Brewing handcrafted on-site. Open Mon-Sat, 11am-midnight; Sun, noon-10pm. Group tours of brewery by appt. 308-398-2500 www.thunderheadbrewing.com & **Fonner Park** 700 E. Stolley Park Rd, N. of I-80 Exit 314 – Live thoroughbred horse racing Feb-May. Simulcast racing daily at 11:30am and night racing from coast to coast year-round. Free. 308-382-4515 www.fonnerpark.com &

Island Oasis Water Park 321 E. Fonner Rd – Six-acre water park includes 2 new high-speed, 6-story slides, wave pool, lazy river, zero-depth areas for children, 4 giant 150-ft slides, fountains, concessions, sand volleyball and more. Open Memorial Day weekend-late Aug. 308-385-5444 ext. 290 or 308-385-5381 www.grand-island.com/oasis &

Mid-Nebraska Speedway 2 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 314 on old US Hwy 281 – Semibanked oval track with clay surface. Racing Apr-Sep, Sat, gates open at 5pm, racing starts at 7pm. Special events at other times. Admission. 402-845-2988 www.midnebraskaspeedway.com &

Nebraska Nature & Visitor Center, Grand Island



Husker Harvest Days, Grand Island

Moonlight Ridge Vineyard 8150 N. US Hwy 281 – A family-owned facility featuring a tasting room with cathedral ceilings, a 15-ft-tall stone fireplace and an expansive deck overlooking the 6-acre vineyard. Open Apr-May, Fri-Sat, 1-6pm; June-Sep, Thu-Sun, 1-6pm; Oct thru mid-Dec, Fri-Sat, 1-6pm. 308-381-2337 www.moonlightridgevineyard.com &

Mormon Island State Recreation Area I-80 Exit 312 – Camping, swimming and fishing. Electric motor or nonpowered boating. Hiking trails and grounds open for day use. Facilities and camping year-round. Park permit required. Camping fee. 308-385-6211 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Nebraska Nature & Visitor Center 6 mi. W. on S. side of I-80 Exit 305 – Discover Nebraska nature and the wildlife of the Platte River Valley. Guided sunrise and sunset crane-viewing blind tours late Feb thru mid-Apr, maps for self-guided crane driving tours, local and area brochures. Visitor center open year-round, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Fees vary for tours. 308-382-1820 www.nebraskanature.org &

Prairie Winds Art Center 112 W. 3rd St – Gallery showcases a cooperative group of Midwest artists featuring original works of art in a wide variety of media. Traveling art shows, exhibits, classes and tours. Open Mon-Sat, 10am-5:30pm. Also open Sun, 1-5pm between Thanksgiving & Christmas. 308-381-4001 www.prairiewindsart.com

Stolley Park US Hwy 281 to Stolley Park Rd, 1 mi. E. – This 34-acre park features Kid's Kingdom, the William Stolley House, a replica of an early settler's cabin and the school building from Hall County's first school district. Stolley Park Railroad is open mid-May thru Memorial Day, weekends; rest of the summer, Tue-Sun. Park open year-round, daily, dawn-dusk. 308-385-5444 or 308-398-1613 www.stolleyparkrailway.com

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer Jct US Hwys 34 & 281, 4 mi. N. of I-80 Exit 312 – Living "Railroad Town" includes 60 original buildings. Main building presents pioneer history and seasonal exhibits. Fonner Rotunda houses American Indian and Old West items. Open year-round, Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm. Jan-Mar, closed Mon. Closed Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day. Admission. 308-385-5316 www.stuhrmuseum.org &

Townsley-Murdock Immigrant Trail Site N. of I-80 Exit 305 – Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this site is adjacent to the Wood River Crossing area where Mormon Trail travelers funneled onto a narrow ridge which separated the Wood River and the wetlands of the Platte River. This created the wide, shallow swale that is still visible today. 308-382-4400 www.visitgrandisland.com

Veterans Park & Memorial Wall Jct of Capital Ave & Broadwell – Memorial Wall in recognition of veterans who fought for U.S. freedom. View a U.S. Air Force plane donated by a bomb group who trained at the Grand Island Army Airbase during WWII. 308-382-4400



Accommodations

GUIDE ROCK

402-257-3945

Attractions

Pike-Pawnee Village N. side of Republican River on NE Hwy 78 – Named after Lt. Zebulon Pike, who passed through a village of Pawnee in 1806 and lowered the last Spanish flag to fly over the Louisiana Purchase. Indian burial ground. Registered National Historical Landmark. 402-257-4015 www.redcloudguiderock.com &



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Bonzai Beach Club *Bell's Beach Pizza*
Grand Island, 308-398-7873

Chicken Coop *BBQ Ribs*
Grand Island, 308-398-2500

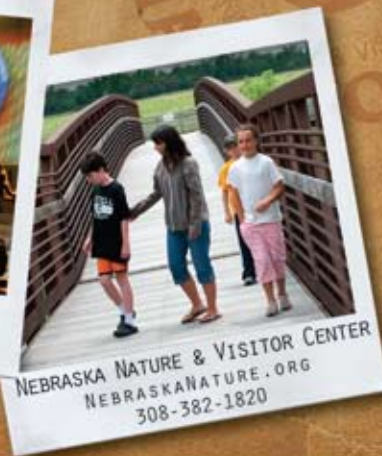
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El Toro *Fajitas*
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Attractions

Aquacourt Family Water Park 2200 W. 3rd St in Chautauqua Park – Wave pool, lazy river, climbing wall, leisure pool, waterslides, interactive water play area for young children and concessions. Open summer months, daily, noon-8pm. Admission. 402-463-1016 www.cityofhastings.org/parks &

Bill Smith Softball Complex and Nebraska Softball Hall of Fame 4103 Osborne Dr E. – Historical exhibits and displays on Nebraska softball. Highlights teams and players who impacted the sport in Nebraska. Open Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm. Also open weekends July-Aug, Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, 10am-2pm. Free. 402-462-7100 www.nebraskasoftball.org &

Children's Museum of Central Nebraska 12th & Marian Rd in the Imperial Mall – Hands-on learning at its finest. A place where children play to learn and adults learn to play. Open Sun, 1-5pm; Tue-Sat, 10am-6pm. Closed Mon & major holidays. Admission. www.cmocn.org 402-463-3300 &

DL State Recreation Area 3 mi. E. on US Hwy 6 – Day-use recreation area. 308-385-6211 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

Fisher Fountain and Holiday Island 12th & Denver Sts – Ever-changing computerized nightly displays of illuminated water. Open nightly Mother's Day-Labor Day with several seasonal and holiday displays. Free. 800-967-2189 www.visithastingsnebraska.com &

Hastings College Observatory (Sachtleben Observatory) 4725 S. Wabash Ave – Featuring a fine collection of astronomical telescopes through which to view the universe. Open Sat closest to the first and third quarter moons, weather permitting. Free. 402-462-7378 www.hastings.edu

Hastings Museum/Lied Super Screen Theatre/J.M. McDonald Planetarium 14th St & Burlington Ave – History of Kool-Aid, Groundwater Discovery Adventure, 3 floors of exhibits and planetarium with daily shows. Open Mon-Thu, 9am-5pm; Fri-Sat, 9am-8pm; Sun, noon-6pm. Sep-May, closed Mon. Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas. Admission. 402-461-4629 or 800-508-4629 www.hastingsmuseum.org &

Kool-Aid Stand at the Hastings Museum, Hastings



R. Neibel



Built in 1848 to protect travelers on the Oregon Trail, Fort Kearny also served as a home station for the Pony Express and as an outfitting depot for numerous Indian campaigns. One of the fort's final duties was to protect Union Pacific workers building the transcontinental railroad.

Kam Raceway 4980 J St – Sat racing on a clay track featuring karts with special events involving midgets, motocross, quads and the National Flat Track Motorcycle series. Admission. 402-295-2511 or 402-463-8015 &

Kool-Aid Man's Footprints at the Hastings Visitors Center 100 North Shore Dr – Kool-Aid Man's footprints from the Mann's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood are displayed to honor the invention of Kool-Aid in Hastings in 1927. Free. 402-461-2370 or 800-967-2189 www.visithastingsnebraska.com &

Motorsport Park Hastings (MPH) 427 S. Showboat Blvd – A motorsport industrial park of the future! A 2.3-mile asphalt racetrack that features the best of the best in motorsports. Race cars, super bikes, full-throttle driving school and more. 402-461-8031 or 462-705-7280 www.racemph.com &

Naval Ammunition Depot 3 mi. E. on US Hwy 6 – Largest U.S. WWII ammo plant. Bunkers, buildings and covered walkways. Maps available at the Hastings Visitors Center. Year-round. 800-967-2189 www.visithastingsnebraska.com

Outfitters

Bunker Hill Hunting Resort Fairfield, 7 mi. E. of Hastings on US Hwy 6, 1/2 mi. S., 2 mi. E. – This one-of-a-kind resort is located on the old Navy Ammunition Depot, constructed 6 months after Pearl Harbor. Sep-Mar. Hunting guide service. Upland game hunting. Big game hunting. 402-463-0483 www.huntbunkerhill.com

Accommodations

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Attractions

Nebraska Prairie Museum 1 mi. N. on US Hwy 183 – View 65,000 square feet of prairie collections including 10 period rooms, one-room school, church, early farm home and WWII POW Interpretive Center. Open Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat-Sun, 1-5pm. Admission. 308-995-5015 www.nebraskaprairie.org &

The Tassel – Phelps County Center for the Performing Arts 1324 Tilden St – Enjoy a variety of educational and outreach programs, new works, special projects and social activities. Box office open Mon-Fri, 9am-noon. Admission. 308-995-2717 www.thetassel.org &

Accommodations

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Courtesy of Hastings Museum

KEARNEY

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Kearney Visitors Center

1007 2nd Ave

Year-round, Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm;

Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 1-4pm

Attractions

Big Apple Fun Center 500 W. 4th St – Fun for all ages! Ballocity indoor playground, bowling, arcade, mini-golf, sand volleyball, go-karts, snack bar and more. Open year-round, daily, 10am-1am. Activity fees vary. 308-234-4545 www.bigapplefuncenter.net &

Cabela's 3600 US Hwy 30 E. – The 35,000-sq-ft showroom features museum-quality wildlife displays, gift and fudge shop and outdoor merchandise. Open Mon-Sat, 8am-8pm; Sun, 10am-6pm. Closed major holidays. 308-234-3933 or 800-581-4420 www.cabelas.com/kearney &

Cottonmill Park 1½ mi. W. – This day-use-only park features plenty of activities for everyone, including a 43-acre fishing lake, summer boat and paddleboat rentals, nature center, hiking and biking trails, picnic shelters, natural prairie and disc golf. 308-237-7251 &

Fort Kearney Museum 131 S. Central Ave – Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Thu-Sat, 10:30am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Admission. Fee for glass bottom boat ride. 308-234-5200

Fort Kearney State Historical Park 1020 V Rd, 2 mi. S. on NE Hwy 44, 4 mi. E. on L50A – Frontier outpost on Oregon Trail features re-created stockade and other structures. Grounds open year-round, sunrise-sunset. Visitor center open Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily, 9am-5pm and mid-Mar thru mid-Apr for sandhill crane tours. Park permit required. 308-865-5305 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Fort Kearney State Recreation Area ¾ mi. E., 1 mi. N. of Fort Kearney State Historical Park – Camping, hike/bike trail along the Platte River. Open year-round. Park permit required. Camping fee. 308-865-5305 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Frank House 2010 University Dr, UNK Campus – This historic 1889 mansion features a 5-ft by 10-ft Tiffany window, hand-carved woodwork and tiled fireplaces. Open Mon-Fri, 2-5pm; Sat, 1-5pm. Large groups by appt. Closed holidays & university breaks. Donation. 308-865-8284 &



Back Alley Bakery *Organic Breads and Rolls*
Hastings, 402-460-5056

Barrel Bar Lounge *Charburger*
Hastings, 402-463-9158

Murphy's Wagon Wheel *Wings*
Hastings, 402-463-3011

Taylor's Steakhouse & Catering *Ribeye*
Hastings, 402-462-8000

The Alley Rose *Prime Rib*
Kearney, 308-234-1261

Venue Restaurant & Lounge *Chicken Roulade*
Kearney, 308-236-8368

Q. Farley



Make a pit stop at Cruise Nite in Kearney for an annual event sure to get any car enthusiast's wheels spinning. Homemade barbecue, rare car displays, drag races, and car auctions are just some of the things that have this festival firing on all cylinders.

Great Platte River Road Archway I-80 Exit 272 – Adventure awaits! Magnificent murals and stunning audio/visual effects trace the development of the American West, while outside the Cultural Learning Trail and Native American experiences await. Chuckwagon restaurant and themed gift shop. Call for hours. Admission. 877-511-ARCH www.archway.org &

Kearney Raceway Park 3 mi. E. on US Hwy 30, N. on Thunder Rd – Racing on ¼-mile concrete dragstrip. Apr-Oct, Sat-Sun, 1pm. Admission. 308-750-2049 www.krpi.com &

KidZone – Kearney Area Children's Museum 5827 4th Ave – A hands-on experience for children of all ages. Explore the world of science, music and more. Open year-round, Wed-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Extended hours on Thu until 8pm. Admission. 308-698-2228 www.kearneykidzone.com &

Merrymen Performing Arts Center 225 W. 22nd St – The only community performing arts center located in an active elementary school. Featuring quality dance, music and theatre performances. Call for show schedule. 308-698-8297 www.merrymencenter.org &

Museum of Nebraska Art 2401 Central Ave – Discover the story behind the art of Nebraska. Open year-round, Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Closed Mon & major holidays. Free. 308-865-8559 mona.unk.edu &

Nebraska Firefighters Museum & Education Center I-80 Exit 272, just W. of Great Platte River Road Archway – Celebrate Nebraska's firefighting heritage through rotating exhibits. Call for hours. Admission. 308-338-3473 www.nebraskafirefightersmuseum.org &

Platte Valley Brewery 14 E. Railroad St – Premium craft beers in a variety of styles, a full-service bar and delicious pizza make this a location with something for everyone. Open Mon-Fri, 4pm-1am; Sat, 11am-1am. 308-237-0751 &

Thunderhead Brewing Company 18 E. 21st St – Enjoy award-winning beer and fabulous pizza baked in a stone oven. Open daily, 11am-1am. Tours by appt. 308-237-1558 www.thunderheadbrewing.com &

Trails and Rails Museum 710 W. 11th St, 1 mi. N. of I-80 Exit 272 – Union Pacific depot, train, hotel, livery barn, schoolhouse and other historic Buffalo County buildings. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, 1-5pm; or by appt. Also open Sep-May, Mon-Fri, 1-5pm. Admission. 308-234-3041 www.bchs.us

Accommodations

Award-winning museum? Check. State-of-the-art facility? Check. Unforgettable experience? Check. The Great Platte River Road Archway in Kearney treats visitors to stunning effects and three-dimensional displays that tell the story of western expansion.



Nebraska DEQ

LEXINGTON

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Lexington Area Visitors Center

302 E. 6th St, Ste 2

Year-round, Mon-Thu, 8am-5pm; Fri, 8am-4pm

Attractions

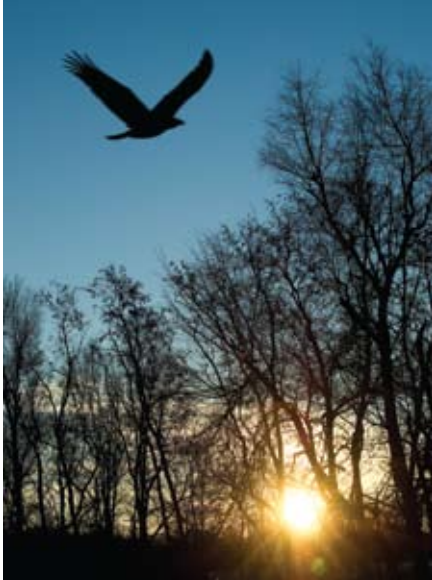
Bald Eagle Viewing Facility Below Johnson Lake #2 Hydroplant, near Jct of Cty Rds 749 & 750 – Open late Dec-early Feb, Sat-Sun, 8am-2pm. Free. 308-324-2811 www.cnppid.com &

Dawson County Historical Museum 805 N. Taft St – Columbian mammoth, baby biplane, quilt collection, period rooms, 19th-century buildings, farm machinery, log cabin, glassware, archives library, depot and gift shop. Open Tue-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat, 10am-4pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day. Donation. 308-324-5340 www.dawsoncountytne.net/dcmuseum &

Dawson County Raceway 2 mi. N. of I-80 Exit 237 on US Hwy 283 at Dawson County Fairgrounds – Races on dirt track May-Sep, Sun, 7pm. Late models, IMCA modifieds and stock cars. Admission. 308-324-5000 or 308-991-4645 dawsoncountyraceway.com &

Family Aquatic Center 1002 N. Monroe in Memorial Park – Zero-depth pool, lap pool, 2 waterslides, splash pool, sand play area and concessions. Open Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day, Mon-Thu, 1-7:30pm; Fri-Sun, 1-6pm. Admission. 308-324-6288 &

Heartland Museum of Military Vehicles I-80 Exit 237 & US Hwy 283 – Restored military vehicles including Jeeps, trucks, ambulances, helicopters and tanks. Rare Snow Tractor and HMMWV. Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Donation. 308-324-6329 www.heartlandmuseum.com &



Eagle at Johnson Lake State Recreation Area, Lexington

Johnson Lake State Recreation Area 7 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 237 on US Hwy 283 – Campgrounds, fishing, boating, hike/bike trail and swimming areas. Golf course and go-karts nearby. Open year-round. Park permit required. Camping fee. 308-785-2685 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Mac's Creek Vineyards & Winery 43315 Rd 757, 1/2 mi. N. on NE Hwy 21 – Located along the banks of beautiful Spring Creek. Sample our family-produced wines and tour our facility. Summer hours: daily, noon-6pm; Fri, noon-7pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Winter hours: Thu-Sat, noon-6pm; Sun, 1-5pm. 308-324-0440 www.maccreekvineyards.com &

Outfitters

Ferguson Guide Service 3 Wade Add Dr 27, Johnson Lake – Years of guiding experience on Elwood Reservoir, Johnson Lake, Lake McConaughy and Kansas lakes. Fish for walleyes, pike, bass, crappie and more. Apr-Nov. Fishing guide service. 308-785-2413

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Attractions

Harold Warp Pioneer Village 12 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 279 at Jct of US Hwys 6, 34 & NE Hwy 10 – More than 50,000 historic items including 350 antique autos, 100 tractors, 20 airplanes, historic crafts and 7 generations of kitchens showing man's progress since 1830 displayed in 26 buildings. Open year-round, daily. Admission. 308-832-1181 or 800-445-4447 www.pioneervillage.org &

Kearney County Historical Museum 530 N. Nebraska Ave – School, store, post office and train depot. More than 7,000 items on display. Open mid-May thru mid-Sep, daily, 1-4pm; or by appt. Free. 308-832-1789 &

Minden Opera House 322 E. 5th St, N. side of town square – Central Nebraska's crown jewel, constructed in 1891 and renovated in 2000. This impressive building is full of life as a visual and performing arts center and a favorite venue for a variety of events. Open year-round, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat, 9am-noon. 308-832-0588 www.mindenoperahouse.com &

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Attractions

Union Pacific State Recreation Area I-80 Exit 263 – Boating, fishing and camping areas. Park permit required. 308-865-5305 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

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308-452-3225 • www.ci.ravenna.ne.us


Attractions

Cedar Hills Vineyard, LLP 48970 375th Rd – Picturesque vineyard overlooking the winding South Loup River. Dining and tasting rooms offer a wide range of Nebraska wines, unique jams and jellies, and fresh fruit pies. Open Fri-Sat, 1-6pm; Sun, 1-4pm; or by appt. 308-452-3181 www.cedarhillsvineyard.com &

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Outfitters

Sweet Creek Outfitters 56025 370th Rd – Year-round. Hunting access. Hunting guide service. Waterfowl hunting. Upland game hunting. Big game hunting. Fishing guide service. Hiking guide service. Horseback riding. Bring own horse. Horse boarding. 308-467-2261

Accommodations

RED CLOUD

402-746-2211 • www.redcloudnebraska.com

Red Cloud Visitor and Information Center

605 N. Webster
Apr 15-Oct 15, Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm

Attractions

Red Cloud Opera House 411 N. Webster St – Renovated 1885 opera house where Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Willa Cather attended productions and gave her high school graduation speech. Open for tours and ongoing productions Apr-Sep, Mon-Sat, 8am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Oct-Mar, Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm; Sat, 9am-noon & 1-5pm. Closed major holidays.

402-746-2641 www.willacather.org &

Webster County Historical Museum 721 W. 4th Ave – Housed in a mansion, 2 other buildings on grounds. Exhibition on settling of Plains states. Open Apr 1-Nov 1, Tue-Sun, 1-5pm; or by appt. Admission. 402-746-2444

Willa Cather Memorial Prairie 5 mi. S. – A botanical treasure consisting of 608 acres of native prairie with nearly 2 miles of walking and hiking trails. Enjoy areas of tall grass, short grass, flowers and shrubbery at this ideal bird-watching site. Free. 866-731-7304

Take your Nebraska adventure off-road at the Cedar Run ATV Trail near Republican City. With 470 acres of dirt trails, it's a primo place to cut loose by getting revved up.



There is no place like home, and that's especially true for Pulitzer Prize-winning author Willa Cather. Her childhood home in Red Cloud provided the bulk of her inspiration to write about pioneer life on the Nebraska prairie.

Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Educational

Foundation 413 N. Webster, 1/2 blk N. of Jct US Hwys 281 & 136 – State Historical Society museum dedicated to the Pulitzer Prize-winning author who wrote movingly about the pioneers. Tours of 7 restored historic buildings. Open Apr-Sep, Mon-Sat, 8am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Oct-Mar, Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm; Sat, 9am-1pm. Closed major holidays. Admission. 402-746-2653 or 866-731-7304 www.willacather.org &

Accommodations

REPUBLICAN CITY

Attractions

Cedar Run ATV Trail S. of dam at Harlan County Lake – Family-friendly 470-acre park of off-road vehicle trails open to ATVs, dirtbikes and snowmobiles. Open sunrise-sunset. Free. 308-799-2105 &

Harlan County Lake 2 mi. S. of US Hwy 136 on Berrigan Rd – One of Nebraska's largest reservoirs with 31,000 acres of land and water providing hunting, marinas, cabins, fishing, camping and boating. Dam tours available Memorial Day-Labor Day on Sun. Winter eagle-viewing. Camping fee. Project lands operated by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state park permit not required. 308-799-2105 www.nwk.usace.army.mil/hc &

Lighthouse Museum 103 Berrigan Rd – Main level features a large flea market. Museum displays include period rooms depicting the early 1900s, vintage clothing, enamelware, farm tools, memorabilia and more. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Sat-Sun, 10am-5pm. Tours by appt. Admission. 888-243-0333 &

Outfitters

North Shore Marina 70738 Lake View, Gremlin Cove, Harlan County Lake – Campground, marina and restaurant located on the lake. Boat rentals and lake maps available. Apr-Oct. Canoeing. Tubing. Pontoon rental. Jet ski rental. 308-799-2315 www.harlanlake.com

Accommodations

ROSELAND

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SHELTON

308-647-6617

Attractions

War Axe State Recreation Area I-80 Exit 291 – Boating and fishing area. Electric trolling motors only. Camping fee. Park permit required. 308-486-5700 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov &

Accommodations

WOOD RIVER

308-583-2235 • wrcommunityfoundation.com

Attractions

Cheyenne State Recreation Area I-80 Exit 300 – Electric power or nonpowered boating allowed. Fishing areas. Park permit required. Camping fee. 308-385-6211 www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov

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